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Dr. Susan Tucker
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Re: Board Docket No. 2021-055

Dear Dr. Tucker:

The Louisiana Board of Ethics, at its March 5, 2021 meeting, considered your request for an advisory opinion regarding whether the post-employment restrictions in Code of Governmental Ethics (Code) would prohibit you, a former Assistant Warden 4 at David Wade Correctional Center (DWCC) from entering into a contract with the Department of Corrections (DOC) after your retirement.

FACTS PROVIDED

You stated that you retired on January 12, 2021 as an Assistant Warden 4 from DWCC, which is a part of DOC. You provided that as Assistant Warden 4 you provided clinical supervision of Dr. Flye, a DWCC employee who provides services to Steve Hoyle Intensive Substance Abuse Program (SHISAP) at Bossier Correctional Center. You added that upon retirement your anticipated contractual arrangement would be with DOC Headquarters not DWCC. However, you stated that you would still be supervising Dr. Flye at SHISAP.

La. R.S. 42:1121(B) specifically prohibits a public servant for two years after the termination of her employment from contracting to provide the same services that he rendered to the agency during her public service.

CONCLUSION

The Board concluded, and instructed me to inform you, that Section 1121(B) of the Code prohibits you from rendering the same services under contract within two years from January 12, 2021. You are prohibited from contracting with the Department of Corrections to provide the same services that you rendered to David Wade Correctional Center and SHISAP during your public service, such as supervising Dr. Flye.

This advisory opinion is based solely on the facts as set forth herein. Changes to the facts presented may result in a different application of the provisions of the Code of Ethics. The Board issues no opinion as to past conduct or laws other than Code of Governmental Ethics. If you have any questions, please contact me at (225) 219-5600 or (800) 842-6630.

Sincerely,
LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

Suzanne Quinlan Mooney
For the Board